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## SOLDIER'S LETTER

Series of Letters From Max Greene, American E. F. NO. X

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This p. m. a notice was read telling us to prepare for immediate evacuate to Le Mons, and rumor has it that it won't be very long before we'll be on the water homeward bound. Remember tho' that its only a rumor and make allowances.

Now to continue —: My apprehension regarding a barrage from the Germans as we lay exposed in the woods were justified. I was awakened (alarm clocks 'll never phase me again) by the terrific roar of the shells as they blew up all around our puny shelter. It was still dark, and as I groped around for my shoes, which I'd idiotically taken off to rest my feet, came the crack 'o doom itself, and the roof of our erstwhile bungalow slid over on one side and hung balanced rakishly, like a tough guy's hat, leaving us under the stars, and an impression that this was no place for us.

The shell that had disposed of our roof struck a tree directly over it, and others were coming over so close together that there was a continuous explosion, rather than any separate sound, as we ran for the road and comparative safety in a ditch without mishap, miraculously, and lay downward in the muddy bottom. Of course this wasn't much protection, but it would have taken a direct hit to get anyone of us, and we were glad of even this meager shelter.

It was all over in 30 minutes, and we came out to take stock. Only one of the men with me was hit, he died almost instantly, but we were busy for another half hour bringing in the wounded from other parts of the woods.

After this was done we were assigned to posts to relieve the signal corps from the out going division, and for the first time since being on the front I drew a "bomb-proof" job. Three men including myself, with a sergeant in charge were ordered back to Brigade headquarters to install and operate a switchboard. Arriving there we found

## Preserve Your Record.

Many Lexington boys, who have received their honorable discharge from the army, are having them recorded at the Recorder's office, to insure a permanent record of the same. In the event of their loss by fire or through some other cause, a certified copy may always be obtained. The fee for recording is 75 cents.

The following have already taken this precaution:

William D. Bour, Victor M. Bour, Harry Day, Karl Winkler, Ed Barron, Karl L. Gott, Charles L. Goodman, Henry H. Pierce, G. T. Morrison, and Wm. Cohrs.

that we were to work in a big dugout, 40 feet in the ground, where nothing short of an earthquake could reach us. There were plenty of bunks, a stove, and a bunch of old magazines in this "abri," and I feel on the latter like a terrier on a rat. We held this peach of a job for one day and one night, but it was altogether too good to last, and about noon of the second day orders came to close station and report to the regiment.

The sector had been turned completely over to us by this time, and all hell was a poppin' when we arrived at Regimental headquarters. We were right in the midst of our artillery and the ear-splitting racket was at its height. A noise like that can't be described, not by me at least. All the thunder and lightning of the universe combined in one mighty continuous roll, is the nearest I can come to it. I was getting used to it by this time anyway and it didn't make the impression it did at first.

From where we stood in the scarred timber, we could look down across a small valley and up the rise on the opposite side where the shells were breaking thicker than I'd ever seen them in one spot. A bluish gray smoke rolled and billowed over the tree tops, which were writhing this way and that as if tortured beyond endurance.

"What th' dickens d'you s'pose Jerry's shelling out there?" I asked.

"That," answered a corporal at my elbow—"That is our Battalion headquarters."

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## Death of Mrs. Medora C. Wilson.

Mrs. Medora Chaney Wilson, widow of the late William B. Wilson, died Thursday night at her home on Franklin street.

Mrs. Wilson was born in Jefferson county, Mo., May 30, 1854. She was married to Mr. Wilson June 14, 1883, at Pleasant Hill, Mo. Mr. Wilson died in 1915. The survivors are two sons and two daughters: Mrs. J. C. Snyder and Miss Mary D. Wilson, both of this city; Lieut. M. H. Wilson now in France, and Lieut. Clarence C. Wilson, stationed at Ellington Field, Texas. One brother, James C. Cheney, Jr., a railroad attorney of St. Louis, also survives.

Mrs. Wilson was a life long member of the Presbyterian church.

The funeral was held at the home Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

## Death of Mrs. Cora Gray.

Mrs. Cora Gray, wife of Joseph Gray, who lives near the West Mine, died Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock, of typhoid fever. Mrs. Gray was born in Vernon county, Mo., February 15, 1889, and was 30 years of age.

The funeral services, conducted by Rev. J. E. Alexander, were held at the Methodist church Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

## Kemper Makes Clean Sweep.

Kemper seconds defeated the W. M. A. seconds Monday night in the Wentworth gym 21 to 20. It was a battle royal all the way. This victory gives Kemper a clean sweep in basket ball for the season. Kemper should be all swelled up, as their victories over Wentworth teams have been few and far between.

## Lieut. W. W. Schwartz a Visitor.

Lieut. W. W. Schwartz arrived Monday morning from Camp Travis, Texas for a few days' visit at the home of the Misses Morath. From here he went to Washington, D. C., for a visit. Lieut. Schwartz was studying law in the office of C. A. Keith when he enlisted in the army.

## Dr. John Aull Promoted.

Dr. John Aull, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Aull, Sr., has been promoted from first lieutenant to Captain. He is attached to Base Hospital No. 11 at Nantes, France.

Chaplain and Mrs. Ovid R. Sellers announce the birth of a daughter—Elizabeth N.—Wednesday, March 5, 1919. Mrs. Sellers was formerly Miss Katherine Wilson. Chaplain Sellers is with the 17th Field Artillery, army of occupation, Ehrenbreitstein, Germany.

Sheriff Talbott Saturday took a deserter, who gave his name as Antonio Mauro, to Ft. Leavenworth. He was taken from the east bound train here Saturday, February 22nd. Muro is said to have deserted from Fort Logan, Col.

Carrie Russell and Ethel Mady, colored, were arrested Tuesday by Deputy Sheriff McDonald for disturbing the peace. Judge Wright said it was worth \$12.15 each. They pulled off a fight on Main street.

Rev. and Mrs. D. Buchmueller of Trenton, Ill., arrived Tuesday morning to attend the funeral of Mrs. Buchmueller's mother, Mrs. Louisa Mehl.

## E. B. Campbell's Store Burglarized.

Last Friday night E. B. Campbell's store in East Lexington was burglarized for the steenth time. A few silver dollars and several dollars in silver were taken. The merchants and banks were asked to look out for anyone having an unusual number of pennies, and when William Booker, colored, appeared at the Lexington Savings Bank with a "load" of pennies to exchange, an officer was notified and the jig was up. The negro not only confessed to this assault upon Mr. Campbell's exchequer, but to three previous ones, when he secured in each instance some money and merchandise. Booker says that Mansfield Morris, another negro, about 13 years old, was his accomplice. The latter has also been arrested.

## DOVER ITEMS.

Harry Zeysing of Waverly was here Sunday night.

W. W. Cole and son, Ralph, were in Lexington Monday.

Floyd Corbin was in Kansas City last week.

Edmond Vaughan had business in Lexington Monday.

H. F. and J. M. Redd attended the tractor show in Kansas City last week.

Kenneth Fox spent Monday in Lexington.

Mr. Mitchell of Lexington, had business here Thursday.

Miss Mildred Cole came in Saturday from Aulville, and spent the week end with home-folks.

Miss Florence Larkin spent Sunday in Waverly with home-folks.

Tom Corbin attended the auto show in Kansas City last week.

Jesse Edwards and family of Hodge, passed through here Thursday morning to their home near Lexington.

Norman Lewis came home Sunday from Chillicothe, where he attended school the past winter.

R. L. Yedley and family moved Wednesday to the Felix Young farm south of Lexington.

Miss Addie Holman is in Marshall nursing her sister, Mrs. Eugene Holman, who is seriously ill at her home there.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Harwood returned Thursday to their home at Oklahoma City, after a week's visit here with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Harwood.

William Dysart, Jr., of Greenridge, Mo., spent the first of the week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dysart.

Mrs. James Corbin and children spent Sunday in Waverly with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Williams.

Mrs. Horace Ewing of Slater, visited here last week with her aunt, Mrs. Louis Wahl, and Mr. Wahl.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zeysing with Capt. Erv. Zeysing moved this week to the residence, one door North of W. C. Pauling's.

Miss Estelle Howe spent the week end in Lexington with her mother, Mrs. Sallie Howe.

Mrs. Mary Taylor of St. Louis, visited last week with her son, R. P. Tabb, and Mrs. Tabb.

Miss Mayme Grahm spent last week with friends in Waverly.

Rev. Owen of Wellington, filled his appointment at the Methodist church here Sunday morning and evening. While here he and Mrs. Owen were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Evans.

## Death of Elizabeth Jane Bell.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Bell, widow of the late W. T. Bell, died Monday morning at 10:20 o'clock, at her home corner of Thirteenth and Main streets.

Mrs. Bell was born February 2, 1843, in Calloway county, Mo., and was married to Mr. Bell June 2, 1864. She was a member of the Methodist church practically all her life. She had no children of her own, but raised four, all of whom survive. They are: Mrs. J. E. Tucker of Tampa Fla.; Dr. Hugh D. Greer of Elgin, Okla.; Dr. T. S. Greer of Edgerton, Kansas, and Mrs. Chas. Ayers of Independence, Mo.

The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 at the Methodist church. Rev. J. E. Alexander and Rev. T. M. Cobb conducted the service.

It is requested that no flowers be sent.

## Mrs. Marie Louise Julia Mehl Dead.

Mrs. Marie Louise Julia Mehl died Sunday night at 12 o'clock, at her home on Franklin Ave.

Mrs. Mehl was born in Hanover, German, April 18, 1834, where she lived till 1853, when she came to American. She was married in Lexington, May 21, 1858, to J. G. Mehl, who died in 1895. Mrs. Mehl was a life-long member of the Lutheran church.

The survivors are five children. They are: Mrs. R. K. Hammer, Misses Minnie and Gussie Mehl, all of Lexington; F. W. Mehl of Kansas City, and Mrs. D. Buchmueller of Trenton, Ill.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. J. C. Birebaum conducted the services.

## Mrs. Ryland Todhunter Painfully Injured.

Tuesday morning Mrs. Ryland Todhunter had the misfortune to fall on the slippery walks at her home, Greystone Park, breaking her right arm near the shoulder.

Geo. Arnet, colored, who was convicted in 1917, for stealing chickens and sentenced to two years in penitentiary, and whose case was appealed to the Supreme Court, will have to serve the sentence. The higher court O. K'd the verdict.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Thompson Penn of Springfield, Mo., arrived Friday for a few days' visit with Mr. Penn's mother, Mrs. Thompson Penn, and sister, Mrs. Aldin Williams Allen.

## COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

Jurors for April Term Criminal Court Are Drawn. Other Business of Interest.

The County Court met Monday, March 3, and the following items of interest are taken from the record:

Money in the hand of the county treasurer belonging to special road districts, was certified for payment, as follows:

Lexington	\$1,053.47
Aulville	1,615.21
Odessa No. 1	1,692.12
Corder and Alma	4,403.55

Court order that all of part of Section 15-49-29 lying North of Sni-a-bar creek be taken out of road district No. 5 and added to road district No. 6.

The amount of \$10 was certified for payment for the inquest over the body of Albert Melchert.

The court approved the bonds of the following:

Young Ewing, road overseer of District No. 6.

Elmer C. White, County Superintendent of Schools.

Elmer C. Duebbert, County Collector, to the amount of \$390,000.

A saloon license was granted to Baretta & Guegon.

John Prigge, Jr., was appointed road overseer for District No. 1.

Walter Ashford was appointed road overseer for District No. 8.

Court ordered that upon payment of \$75, A. S. Goodloe be given a Q. C. D. to a strip of land near Cow Creek fill, which is not needed by the county.

Court ordered a concrete culvert be built on the North line of 15-48-24, near M. T. Bell. Said Bell to haul all the material without cost to the county.

The following jurors for the April term of the criminal court were drawn:

Clay—Walter Cooper, Emmet Burgess, Alva Laughlin.

Days—Joe Reed, Thomas Thoman, Theas Hinek.

Dover—Ernest Sellmeyer, Jas. Blevins, W. E. Bear.

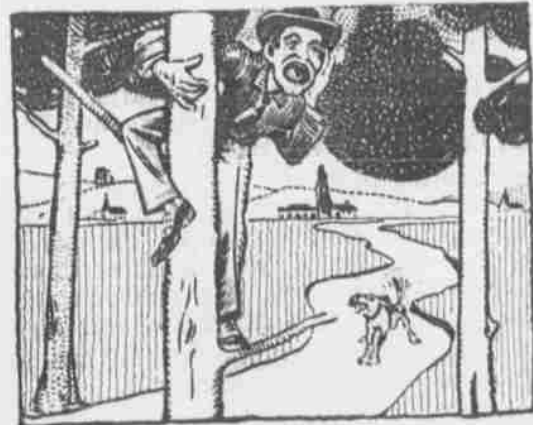
Freedom—Ed H. Handly, J. H. Meyer, Leon B. Major.

Lexington—Frank Campbell, Bronson Shull, D. G. Shelton.

Middleton—Geo. Duvall, W. E. Trent, Harry Wolf.

Sni-a-bar—Clarence Lale, Conley Harmon, Jas. Campbell.

Washington—S. Q. Barret, E. O. Rex, Thos. Bryant.



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